VIRGIN ISLANDS STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 1, 2019 to October 30, 2021

OPERATIONS

. worked with RNLU leadership to release funds held in Escrow

. maintained the Transfer Account into which VISNA dues deducted from nurses employed in the Dept. of Health and the hospitals are deposited

. paid to ANA, VISNA Treasurer and District Treasurers their apportionment from the dues received (see chart below)

. received and submitted dues collected by ANA for VISNA (Central Billing) as per previous bullet

. worked with VISNA Treasurer on updating the non-profit status at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

. produced quarterly newsletters (VISNA NURSE) sent to the membership

. worked with Nursing Network to continue a VISNA website after ANA ended the free service

. granted permission by Board of Directors to temporarily set up elections electronically rather than by secret ballot as the cost and work was becoming prohibitive. This is for ratification in the ’21 bylaws amendment.

ADMINISTRATION

. fulfilled educational needs of the Board of Directors to include Board evaluations

. attended ANA Membership Assembly and Leadership Council Summit along with similar Caribbean Nurses Organization (CNO) meetings virtually; there were no in person meetings

. served on the ANA Personal Member Benefits Advisory Group resulting in several new underwriters such as spa memberships

. a member of the South East Executive Directors (SEED) Regional group of ANA

. liaison with local affiliates such as the Legislators, V.I. Board of Nurse Licensure, UVI School of Nursing

. facilitated VISNA BOARD testimony on the Nurse Licensure Compact bill and Nurse pronouncement of Death in designated facilities

. worked with the chairpersons of all the standing committees to acquire needed resources

. lobbied to have the Lt. Governor’s office of Banking and Insurance accept underwriters for insurance policies to nurses in the territory such as professional liability, home and auto, student loans, fitness spas, long term care ( the banner is seen on the website). Presently territory nurses can only access Booking Community which offers discount on hotel rooms. The logon for the website is VI nurses/visna1954

. a small royalty and $850 in non dues revenue was received for opting in to the above insurance offerings being negotiated for the territories.

EVOLVING

. must have an understudy especially for fiduciary responsibilities

. will seek certification as an association manager

REVIEW Of VISNA DUES DEDUCTIONS

ANA District State Staff Nurse Union BiWeekly

District01 $5.77 !.70 !.90 20.00 $29.37

(STX)

District02

(STT/STJ $5.77 .85 1.90 20.00 $28.52

RNLU

Members have the same deductions except for the union fee

District01 $9.37

District02 $8.52

Respectfully Submitted.

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